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For Magnetic Sensor With Second)
Antiferromagnetic Layer Having Smaller)
Depth In Height Direction Than Free Layer)
And Manufacturing Method Thereof)

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